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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 listing 121 references; and
3. Return Post Card.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, to serial numbers 09/975,725 and 09/625,803, and all references cited in the parent applications should be considered by the Examiner. Under MPEP § 609, no copies of these references need be provided. The attached Form 1449 lists these references so the references should be printed on the patent.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(b)(3), because this Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required.

Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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